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REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding Final Office Action mailed May 8, 2006, in which claims 1-21 remain pending. In the Final Office Action, claims 1-21 stand rejected.

Applicant thanks the examiner for the Examiner Interview conducted on September 19, 2006 with Applicant, Applicant's undersigned counsel, the examiner, and the examiner's supervisor. As such, claims 1-21 are canceled, and claims 22-44 are added by this amendment. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests that claims 22-44 be allowed for patenting.

With respect to newly added claim 37, Applicant points out that this claim is similar to canceled claim 21. Claim 37 is added to further refine Applicant's application and is believed to be allowable for at least the reason, among others, that the references cited to date fail to teach, suggest, or disclose that "the handle and the extendable members may be pivotably extended to position the handle substantially traverse to at least one of the extendable members and may be pivotably collapsed to position the handle substantially parallel to at least one of said extendable members." None of the cited references suggest that the handle may be positioned substantially parallel to the collapsed extendable members, which is a generally compact orientation, as depicted in FIG. 1 of the present application. Thus, claim 37 is allowable for at least this reason.

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CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing claim amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 22-44 are patentable. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned agent at (770) 933-9500.

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